Trace Level Hg Field Blank (EPA Method 1631)

A field blank is a sample of analyte-free water (in this case, Nanopure® Hg-free water prepared at the Central Laboratory and included in the Trace Level Hg Sampling Kits) transferred, at the sampling site, into an appropriate container for the purpose of distinguishing ambient contamination (attributed to sample collection and transport activities) from actual sample contribution. The field blank would then be submitted for analysis as any other sample (i.e., it must be included on a separate fieldsheet and on the chain-of-custody [COC] form when COC protocol is followed).

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